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AS OF JULY 1: Our new address Now is **27436 Desert Rose Ct., Leesburg, FL 34748;**

Phone: 352-728-6731; FAX: 352-728-2405 (NEW)

Many OTR publications are still sent to my old address; PLEASE note new address.

A PERSONAL NOTE: If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else. Many thanks for the Holiday cards.

We lost our friend and sound man, **Barney Beck**. He died on Jan 30 at the age of 85. Those who attended our convention on 1997 or before will remember him. donations can be sent to Alzheimer's Assoc., 225 No. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601;-we also lost a very good friend, **Hal Stone**, Jughead on Archie Andrews. He died suddenly Feb 21 at the age of 75. He attended all of the conventions including ours, some several times a year and was very active on the OTR Digest. Donations can be sent to your local Heart Assoc. His online memorial guest book is <http://obit.westcottfuneralhome.com/obit_display.cgi?id=385255>.

We also lost **Roger Hill** on Feb 2, the cofounder of NARA and friend of mine since 1970. He Had a store called "Nothing's New."

THIRD REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The First Supplement to the third edition is off the press. Cost is \$5.00 plus \$1.00 P & H.

The 2005 "3rd Revised Ultimate History" is \$56 including P&H. which includes the First Supplement. If you bought any of my earlier editions, the cost is \$46 including P&H. Please send new information when you can for the second supplement. I will need the information by October 1, 2007.

CONVENTION 2007: This is our 32nd convention. Dates are Oct 18 – 21, 2007 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note web site: <<http://www.fotr.net>>

CONVENTION 2006: 2006 Convention booklets are available for \$2.00 including P&H. There are guests bios and pictures.

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Productions, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. E-mail: fsberney@verizon.net.

Last year, Ellen and Fred Berney prepared 2 DVD's of the past 30 conventions. Cost is \$20 plus \$5.00 P&H. Send to Satellite Media Productions.

2007 Friends Of Old-Time Radio Script Contest

The 14th Annual FOTR scriptwriting Contest is now open. This time we want a half-hour program which is a takeoff of the classic soap operas, complete with brain tumors, mistaken identity - broken romance - whatever brings out the worst in that Golden Age Of Radio. Probably best would be two fifteen-minute episodes, complete with soupy organ music - and finish with a dramatic teaser for next episode. Sponsor (short commercials at beginning and end of each episode) should be a laundry product that existed in the 30's or 40's, or one created by you.

Please limit cast to 5 or 6, including announcer, but minor parts could be doubled. Script must be ready to produce - 10 point type or larger, all sound and music cues included. First Prize is \$200. and it will be

performed live at our 2008 convention, with a DVD copy to first prize winner. Second prize is \$100.00. Deadline for submissions is August 31, 2007 to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick NJ 08902 (732-0940-7639). Three experienced judges from our steering committee will pick the winners.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Elmira (NY) Little Theatre held its twentieth consecutive annual "Visit to the Golden Age of Radio" from January 19th thru January 21st under the direction of Gary Yoggy. (Bart Curtis again provided all sound effects) All four performances were sold out. Jon Provost (Timmy on TV's Lassie was the special guest this year and appeared as Dan Reid in The Lone Ranger re-creation; a frequent favorite, Abbott and Costello's "Who's on First" was performed; and the featured re-creation was taken from broadcasts of The Big Show in which local actors/actresses appeared as various stars like Tallulah Bankhead, Groucho Marx, Baby Snooks, Fred Allen, Judy Garland, Ethel Merman... plus an added re-creation of the "Adam and Eve" skit with Don Ameche and Mae West. Yoggy says, "if our experience in Elmira is any indication, live OTR has a bright future."

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, e-mail me for it and I will e-mail it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it; -**Issue 18 of Leonard Maltin's Movie Crazy** features an article on Hollywood Fights Back, a unique pair of all-star 1947 broadcasts organized by the Committee for the First Amendment to protest the bullying approach of the House Un-American Activities Committee. This article uncovers rare information, photos, and newspaper clippings, along with the memories of Marsha Hunt and Norman Corwin, who participated in the shows. Subscriptions \$30 a year domestic from PO Box 2747, Toluca Lake, CA 91610; more information at www.leonardmaltin.com; -**Illustrated Press**, Feb; articles about Julius LaRosa; the year, 1939; more on radio admission tickets; -**Mar**; articles about Nigel Bruce; more on radio broadcast admission tickets; -**RLL on the Air**, winter; reprints of article; Goodman Ace writes about his wife; -**Radiogram**, Feb; Hollywood gossips; Radio writers; -**Radio Recall**, Feb; articles about William Paley and David Sarnoff; The Mosquito Network; American Military radio in the Solomon Islands during WW11; part 2

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>). **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571; -Many books are from **McFarland**; 1-800-253-2187; Web (www.mcfarlandpub.com) and **Bear Manor Media**, Box 71426, Albany, GA 31708 <Bearmanormedia.com> **Book Hunter Press**, Box 193, Yorktown Hts., NY 10598 (www.bookhunterpress.com)

McFarland has 3 new books: 1. **Film Clowns of the Depression: Twelve Defining Comic Performances**; by Wes Gehring; 208 pages; \$39.95; Twelve memorable pictures are discussed; comics include Charlie Chaplin; Eddie Cantor; Mae West; Marx Brothers. 2. **Jimmy Durante** by David Bakish; 303 pages; \$32.50; Staggering amount of information. Includes various appendices including all radio and television appearances. 3. **Orson Welles Remembered** by Peter Prescott Tonguette; 216 pages; \$35.00; 30 individuals who worked with Welles were interviewed between 2003 and 2005. They include actors, editors, cinematographers and magicians.

CONVENTIONS:

21st Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention, April 20 – 21, 2007 at Ramada Plaza, Cincinnati, OH; Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (888-477-9112) <haradio@hotmail.com>

18th Annual Radio/TV Classics Live will be held May 4 & 5, 2007 at The Buckley Performing Arts Center, Brockton, MA.; Contact: Buckley Center Box Office, 1 Massasoit Blvd., Brockton, MA 02302 (508) 427-1234. Web Site: www.radioclassicslive.org

2nd Annual Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention, Sep 13 – 15, 2007 at Clarion Hotel, Aberdeen, MD; ; Web site is www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com; For information call Michelle or Martin Grams, Jr. at 717-456-6208;

32nd Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 18 – 21, 2007 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, 27436 Desert Rose Ct, Leesburg, FL 34748 (352) 727-6731 <JayHick@aol.com> or check our web site: <http://www.fotr.net>

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing

list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com> **Jim Widner** <otr.com> (**Radio Days**); **Chuck Schaden** <nostalgia Digest> **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/> **Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1> **Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html> **Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au> **Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs)** (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd> **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/> **Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org> **Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia> **Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>. **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp> **Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org> **Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com> The **OTR Club** now has a web page at <http://www2.pcom.net/robmcd/otrbuffalo/> **Doug Kosmonek** <http://members.shaw.ca/douglkosmonek> new e-mail is <douglkosmonek@shaw.ca> **Radio Spirits** <radiospirts.com> **The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com **Radio Memories (NEW)** www.radiomemories.com... **Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear)** <http://blogs.salon.com/0003139/> **Bear Manor Media**, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years. <http://www.bearmanormedia.com> **RHAC** web site is <www.rhac.org> **Radio Days** is celebrating its 10th year on the web at <http://www.otr.com> **Ron Sayles (births, deaths)** <http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html>. (also) <http://otrbirths.blogspot.com/>

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 627-4039 **Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> **Radio Memories (Ted Davenport)**, Box 94548, North Little Rock, AR 72190 (888) 357-2346 <tedotr@sbcglobal.net> **Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-783-1923); also 1-866-783-1923; <andy@vintagebroadcasts.com>; **Great American Radio (GAR)** (Gary Kramer), Box 401, Clio, MI 48420 <ga@radio.fm>; **Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR **AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776) **Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073 **SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409) **John Barber**, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <jbarber@gnolib.la.us>. **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin245@aol.com> **Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net> **BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <bob@brcbroadcast.com> <www.brcradio.com> **Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 **Audio Classics Archive (Terry Salomonson)**, Box 347, Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <audio-classic.com> **Lodestone** (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 <lodestone-media.com> (Deals in New Audio Theater **Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <edcarr@enter.net> **Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>. **Max Schmid**, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.oldtimeradio.com> **Henry Hinkel**, 254 Florida Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010 <www.crabapplesound.com> **Danean MacAndrew**, P. O. Box 793, Lake Forest, CA, 92609 <www.theradiolady.com> **Heritage Radio Classics**; Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston, MA 02167 <www.heritageaudio.com> Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one week streaming audio: <www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast>

All listings below list sampling of shows. **Radio Memories**; 2007 annual supplement; all shows mastered on cassette in 2006.(1248 shows); **Great American Radio**; Many shows available on CD with MP3 format. Send e-mail for list.

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **Jack Herman**, Box 1355, Madison, NJ 07940. Jack will be presenting a panel at our convention on making OTR relevant to high school and college students.

OLD FRIENDS: I heard from a gentleman I have known for 38 years; **Fred McFadden**, Box 4721, Rome, NY 13442. He collects all Judy Garland material and probably has one of the largest collections of Judy on radio. He would like to hear from collectors of new shows. He does not have a computer.

QUIZ; submitted by Bob Atkins: Many OTR fans enjoyed listening to cowboy programs. Following is a list of famous radio cowboys. Can you name the horse that each one rode? (the first one is

easy!). Try it without looking up the answers in a reference book. Answers will be in next issue. Or e-mail me with your answers for a score. Jay

1. The Lone Ranger _____
2. Tonto _____
3. Dan Reid (Lone Ranger's nephew) _____
4. Red Ryder _____
5. His friend, Little Beaver _____
6. Tom Mix _____
7. Hopalong Cassidy _____
8. Jace Pearson (Tales of the Texas Rangers) _____
9. Britt Poncet (The Six Shooter) _____
10. Straight Arrow _____
11. Gene Autry _____
12. The Cisco Kid _____
13. His sidekick, Pancho _____
14. Roy Rogers _____

IN FOND MEMORY: Bob Carroll, Jr., Jan 28, 88; tv and radio writer (My Favorite Husband);-
Frankie Laine, Feb 6, 93; singer (own show 1951);-**Barbara McNair**, Feb 4, 72; singers, actress (1973 News
Years Eve Radio show with Guy Lombardo);-**Roberta Semple Salter**, Jan 25, 96; researcher for Hobby
Lobby; on other shows with husband Harry Salter;-**Tige Andrews**, Jan 27, 86; actor (Hollywood Radio
Theater; also know as Zero Hour; 1973;-**James Andelin**, Jan 27, 89; actor (Seckatary Hawkins);-**Ray Evans**,
Feb 15, 92; lyricist (Hollywood Calling - George Fischer);-**Janet Blair**, Feb 19, 85; actress (many anthology
shows);-**Carl Caruso**, Aug 26, 2001; 84; ABC Staff announcer (the Shadow, My Friend Irma);-**Cy Harrice**,
Feb 14; 91; announcer on many radio series;-**Betty Hutton**, Mar 11, 86; actress (Guest on many radio shows)

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Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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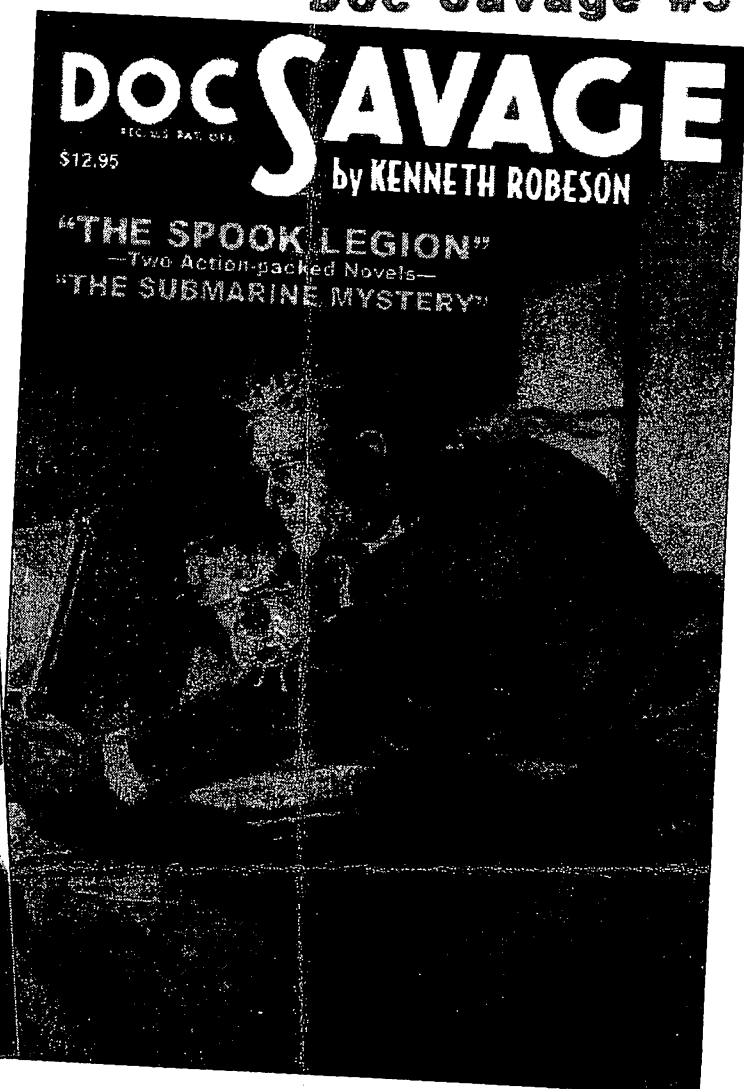
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- #6: The Shadow's Justice & The Broken Napoleons (March)
- #7: The Cobra & The Third Shadow (April)
- #8: The London Crimes & Castle of Doom
- #9: Lingo & Partners of Peril (June)

- #1: Fortress of Solitude & The Devil Genghis
- #2: Resurrection Day & Repel
- #3: Death in Silver & The Golden Peril
- #4: Land of Always-Night & Mad Mesa
- #5: The Spook Legion & The Submarine Mystery (March)
- #6: Polar Treasure & Pirate of the Pacific
- #7: The Lost Oasis & The Sargasso Ogre
- #8: The Sea Magician & The Living Fire Menace (June)

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